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August 7, 1986

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(P 402 458 664)

Mr. Thomas F. Miller
Vipont Mines, Ltd.
P. O. Box 267
Oakley, Idaho 83346

Dear Mr. Miller:

Re: Ditch Repair Required at Vipont Mine, Vipont Mine, ACT/003/005,
Box Elder County, Utah

Members of the technical staff at the Division surveyed the heap leach operation at the Vipont Mine on July 16, 1986. One of the purposes of the visit was to document if the surface water concerns outlined to you in a letter dated September 24, 1985, (attached), had been corrected. There was no sign that any work had been done to protect the perennial stream that flows at the base of the leach pads.

The Division hereby directs that the corrective action to address this problem be performed by August 29, 1986. The ditch should either be excavated to a depth that will safely convey the runoff from the leach pads or a 2-foot protective berm should be installed around the leach pads.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

John J. Whitehead
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

Enclosure(s)

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cc: P. Grubaugh-Littig
L. P. Braxton

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September 24, 1985

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(P402 457 238)

*THIS IS AN
ATTACHMENT*

Mr. Thomas F. Miller
Vipont Mines, Ltd.
P. O. Box 267
Oakley, Idaho 83346

Dear Mr. Miller:

RE: Status of Declaration of Exemption Mine Disturbance,
Vipont Mine, ACT/003/005, Box Elder County, Utah

Recently, the Division staff surveyed the mining disturbance at the Vipont Mine which totalled about 6.5 acres (since 1979). This disturbance included the upper pad and middle pad (old mine dumps that are ore for the heap leach), facilities and leach pad area and the road.

During the survey, the Division hydrologist noted surface water concerns that must be remedied immediately. It was observed that the ditch around the heap leach pads is in need of repair. In particular, the south side of the leach pads show evidence that water has overtopped the ditch. Since there is a perennial stream in close proximity to the leach pads, it is felt that the ditch must be maintained. The ditch should either be excavated to a depth that will safely convey the runoff from the leach pads or a protective berm should be installed around the leach pads. The ditch (or protective berm) will be checked by the Division in the near future.

The Division recognizes that the Vipont Mine operates as a Declaration of Exemption. In a year, the extent of the disturbance will be surveyed to verify if the two acre exemption is still effective.

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Mr. Thomas F. Miller
ACT/003/005
September 24, 1985

If you have any question, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

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Administrator
Mineral Resource Development
and Reclamation Program

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